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REASONS

Humby Offer'd to the Honble the HOUSE of COMMONS, in Relation to the Duty on *HIDES* and *SKINS*.

WHEREAS it is Reſolved that all *Deer*, *Elk*, *Buffalo*, and *Loſhee Hides*, being Dreſt in Oyl in *Great Brittain*, be after the Rate of Four-pence a Pound, and all the aforeſaid Goods that ſhall be Imported, be after the Rate of Three-Pence a Pound.

It is humbly Conceived, that if thoſe *Hides*, and *skins* which are Dreſt in *Great Brittain* be not Charged with a leſs Duty then thoſe Imported, it may Ruin the *Britiſh Dreſſer*, who pays more for their Oil than thoſe in Foreign Parts do.

THAT if Encouragement was Given to the Oyl *Leather-Dreſſers* here, they having *Hides* and *Skins* ſufficient, They could Dreſs enough to Serve our own Nation, without bringing them from *Germany* and *Holland*; From which Places, many Hundreds of *Hides* are brought Yearly ready Dreſt in *Oil*.

THAT if all *Tann'd Goat skins* Imported, be Deemed *Cordevants*, (as they really are) and pay the Duty by the Dozen as *Cordevants*, and not by the Pound as *Goat Skins* otherwiſe. Dreſt, they will bring in more Money to the *Crown*, and encourage the *Importer*, who will have much leſs Trouble in making his *Entry*, the former *Cuſtoms* being all paid by the Dozen, as well of *Tann'd Goat*, as upon *Cordevants*.

Tann'd Sheep-Skins, for *Baſſils* cannot bear a Penny Additional Duty, while *Tann'd Calf* of Double their Value are Charged but a Half-Penny Additional.

SLINKE CALF with the Hair on, cannot bear above Six Pence per Dozen, they being Charged 18 Pence before, for a Higher Duty will oblige the Dreſſer to take off the Hair to ſave Half the Duty.

SHEEP SKINS Dreſs'd in Oyl, Pays by the late Duty, a Penny a Pound, and a Penny more added, will make the Duty on them equal to other Goods.

THAT if Two Thirds Drawbacks be not allowed upon all other Leather that ſhall be Exported, as well as on *Tann'd Hides*, and *Calf Skins*, it will be a very great Diſcouragement to all the other Branches of the *Leather Trade*, which are Charg'd with Higher Duties in proportion to their Value, than is laid upon *Tann'd Calf*.

THAT nothing will more Encourage and Enable the Dreſſers of Sheep and Lamb Skins to Pay the High Duty, then that a Penalty be laid on the *Butcher*, if he ſhould Gaſh or Flaw the ſaid Skins, which was omitted in the late Act againſt Flawing and Gaſhing of *Hides* and *Calf Skins*; for if the *Butchers* in *South Brittain* could be brought to Flee their Skins ſo well as thoſe do in *North Brittain* and *Wales*, it would be a great Benefit to the Wearer, and Advance the Revenue, by the Dreſſing many Thouſand Skins, which will be Diſtroy'd, by reaſon of the Gaſhes and Flaws in them.